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Dear Howard,

Re CMK's 4/15, I think it is possible the FOIA agents who drafted this letter are playing games with words. I suggest you write farthur.

"...the FBI does not possess autopsy records for the autopsy of " JFK.

Get around that play on words and ask them how they could have conducted the investigations assigned to them without such knowledge because:

This is the most basic evidence in a homicide;

The President directed an FBI investigation immediately, as Director Hoover testified;

While this was before he appointed the Warren Commission, the FBI was in the same role for that Commission;

And existing records of the FBI establish the existence of records they have not provided you.

If you want you can ask if they have had the Baltimore Field Office searched.

There has to be more there than the single set of Sibert-O'Neill reports I use in Post Mortem.

There is a similar pattern in the King case. Here I'm obtaining all the FBI HQ files, with maskings. The Memphis Field Office did obtain and did not send to Washington similar information.

There was a similar physical situation revolving around the shooting and a similar political situation - Hoover wanting to keep control, a la Orwell.

This way the FBI can always deny, using HQ files for denial, and always produce, using FO files to produce.

I think it would be worth persevering on how they investigated the crime without knowing the basic evidence relating to it.

Hastily,